TIVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year Ending

31st December, 1966

TIVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

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TO THE

TIVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to lay before you my Annual Report on the health of the District for the year ending 31st December, 1966.

STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area:	114,127
Population:	20,840 (mid 1966 estimate)
Rateable Value:	£535,738
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate:	£2,120
Social Conditions:	Agriculture being the chief occupation of the inhabitants, conditions are, on the whole, good.
Slaughtering Industries:	The principal slaughterhouse in the district is :- Lloyd Maunder Ltd., Tiverton Junction, Willand. In addition there are two other small private slaughterhouses. (See subsequent statement on slaughterhouses.)

Other Main Industries:

Wiggins, Teape & Co., Paper Manufacturers, Bradninch
Reed & Smith Ltd., Paper Manufacturers, Silverton
Reed & Smith Ltd., Paper Manufacturers, Cullompton
Culm Leather Dressing Company, Cullompton
Fox Bros., & Co., Ltd., Weavers, Cullompton
Fox Bros. & Co., Ltd., Weavers, Uffculme
Drevon & Brown, Glove Manufacturers, Cullompton
Tremletts Ltd., Tannery, Cullompton
Unigate Creameries Ltd., Milk Factory, Hemyock
Exmoor Woodcraft Ltd., Exebridge (Morebath Parish)
Bramber Engineering Works, Willand
Strong, Rawle & Strong, Fellmongers, Willand
Easton Wells, Joinery Works, Cullompton
E.C.C. Quarries, Westleigh and Hillhead, Uffculme
Redland Tiles Ltd., Burlescombe, Tile Manufacturers.

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

	Total	M	F
Live Births	306	161	145

Rate per 1,000 population 14·68 (uncorrected)
16·59 (corrected)

Illegitimate Live Births 13

	Total	M	F
Still Births	7	3	4

Rate per 1,000 total live and still births 22·36

Total Live and Still Births 313

Deaths of Infants

	Total	M	F
Under 1 year of age	7	5	2
Under 4 weeks of age	4	4	-
Under 1 week of age	3	3	-

Maternal Mortality Nil

Deaths from Congenital Malformations 1

Deaths from Measles (all ages) Nil

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) Nil

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) Nil

	Total	M	F
Deaths	278	147	131

Crude death rate per 1,000 population 13·34

Corrected death rate per 1,000 population 11·21

Of the two hundred and seventy eight deaths which occurred during the year, eighty nine were due to disease related to the circulatory system. Cancer claimed fifty one, of which ten were lung cancer; motor vehicle accidents six and other accidents three. One hundred and forty seven deaths had passed the age of seventy five. Death was attributed to pneumonia in sixteen cases, twelve of these however were over the age of seventy five.

Comparable figures for England and Wales were :-

Birth Rate	17·7 per 1,000
Still Birth Rate	15·3 per 1,000
Death Rate	11·7 per 1,000
Infantile Mortality	18·9 per 1,000

Cancer deaths for England and Wales :-

Lung Cancer	26,398
Gastric Cancer	13,049

GASTRIC CANCER

The following chart shows the incidence of gastric cancer in the various parishes during the last 19 years :-

Population	Parish	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	Totals 1948 - 1966
1517	Bampton							1				1	1	2	2					1	8
217	Bickleigh						1									1					2
1663	Bradninch	1			1	1		2			1				4	2	2	2		1	17
725	Burlescombe	1							1			1								1	4
79	Butterleigh			1												1					2
134	Cadbury															1					1
142	Cadeleigh																				-
144	Clayhanger																				-
428	Clayhidon					1								1							2
427	C. Morchard		1								1										2
3415	Cullompton	4	4	1	1	1	3	2	5	4	4	2	-	2	3	3	2	-	2	-	43
692	Culmstock								1						1		1		1		4
1268	Halberton				1					1		2	1	1	1						7
1063	Hemyock							1						1	1						3
192	Hockworthy																				-
483	H. Rogus		1		1							1									3
132	Huntsham											1									1
692	Kentisbeare						1			1					1	1					4
162	Loxbeare					1															1
399	Morebath			2																1	3
316	Oakford																				-
711	S. Peverell			1			2	2						1			1				7
1248	Silverton			2			1	2	1	1	1				1		1	1			11
278	Stoodleigh																				-
128	Templeton										1										1
674	Thorverton					1	1	2	1				1	1		1					8
1663	Uffculme					1	1		1	1		1					2	1			8
272	Uplowman																				-
323	Washfield															1					1
963	Willand			1								1			1	1	1		1	1	7
	TOTALS	6	6	8	4	6	10	12	10	8	8	10	3	9	15	12	10	4	4	5	150
	Tiverton Borough	1	3	4	2	2	7	3	3	1	2	4	5	10	7	3	6	-	6	5	74

Tiverton Rural District Council

Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health for the year ending the 31st December, 1966

The attached chart (which was not included in the press copies) analyses the deaths from Cancer over the past 15 years.

Cancer Prevention

Cervical cytology clinics are now in operation in the District and is combined with an examination of the breasts. This should eventually greatly diminish deaths from cancer in the female. The breast examinations in particular should prove most valuable in detecting cancer of this organ when it is amenable to surgery.

G. NICHOLSON

Medical Officer of Health.

TIVERTON RURAL DISTRICT and TIVERTON BOROUGH - CANCER DEATHS - TOTALS FOR 15 YEARS FROM 1. 1. 52. to 31. 12. 66.

Parish	Population (1961 Census)	Adrenal	Antrum	Bile Duct	Bladder	Bowels	Brain	Breast	Bronchus	Cardia	Face	Gall Bladder	Jaw	Kidney	Humerus	Larynx	Leg	Liver	Leukaemia	Melanoma	Maxilla	Mouth	Oesophagus	Ovary	Pancreas	Peritonei	Pharynx	Prostate	Rectum	Spine	Stomach	Testis	Throat	Thyroid Gland	Tongue	Tonsil	Uterus	Vulva	Vagina	Urethra	Lymphonatosis	Others	Unidentified	Totals
BAMPTON	1517				1	1	1	2	18							1		1						2	3			4	1		8			1			1		2			1	1	49
BICKLEIGH	217		1			1			5															1				1			2						2				1			14
BRADNINCH	1663				1	2	1	4	9			1						1					2		3			3	1		15			1	1		3					2		50
BURLESCOMBE	725				1	1			3										1				1	1	1			1			3												1	14
BUTTERLEIGH	79							1	1															2	1						1						1							7
CADBURY	134					1																			1						1													3
CADELEIGH	142																							1	1			1																3
CLAYHANGER	144																							1	1																			2
CLAYHIDON	428					2	1		1																			1	2		2		1											10
CRUWYS MORCHARD	427					2			2																						1													5
CULLOMPTON	3415		1		1	11	3	12	19			1		2	1	1		2	2				7	2	5			4	7		33				1	1	5		1	1			2	125
CULMSTOCK	692				1	1	1		4									1	1	1			1					1	1		4						1						1	19
HALBERTON	1268	1		1	2	7		5	6									3					2	1	2	1		6			6							1		1		1	46
HEMYOCK	1063					4			3									1	1						4	1		3	3		3							1		1	1			26
HOCKWORTHY	192					2																	1																					3
HOLCOMBE ROGUS	483					1		1	4														1	1	1			1	1		1				1							2	1	16
HUNTSHAM	132								2													1									1													4
KENTISBEARE	692				1	4		2	3					1										1				6	1		4													23
LOXBEARE	162					1		2																		1			2		1											1		8
MOREBATH	399								1															1	2						1						1						1	7
OAKFORD	316							1	1				1												1			1	1								1				1		1	9
SAMP. PEVERELL	711				1	3		2	6			1												1	1	1			1		6						1						1	25
SILVERTON	1248				1	4		3	9									2							5			3	1	1	9						1						5	44
STOODLEIGH	278																1																											1
TEMPLETON	128				2	2			2															1							1													8
THORVERTON	674				1	3		2	4															2		1		1	1		8												1	24
UFFCULME	1663				3	6		10	9										3				4	3	1			3	5		8			2	1		2				1		1	62
UPLOWMAN	272								1										2										1				1											5
WASHFIELD	323								1			1							2												1						1							6
WILLAND	963				2	2		3	4									1	2				1	2				1	2		6						2						1	29
TOTALS:		1	2	1	18	61	7	50	118	-	-	4	1	3	1	2	1	12	4	1	-	1	20	23	33	5	-	4	31	1	126	-	2	4	4	1	22	2	3	3	4	6	18	647
TIVERTON	13450	-	1	-	8	34	1	35	55	2	1	5	-	2	-	1	2	2	6	2	1	-	14	11	22	6	2	25	13	-	63	1	2	1	1	3	18	-	-	-	6	5	8	359

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GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. Nursing in the Home - Home Help Service

Cases are dealt with by direct application from the District Nurses or Health Visitors to the County Office.

2. Laboratory Facilities

Clinical material is examined at the Public Health Laboratories, as previously, and also at the Pathological Department of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital.

3. Legislation in Force

There has been no major change during the year with regard to legislation in force throughout the area.

4. Hospital Services

Work is divided between the Tiverton Hospital Group and the Exeter Hospital Group. These have proved adequate during the year.

5. Maternity Services

48-Hour bookings are now accepted at Tiverton and District Hospital and this has proved very beneficial in making the best use of the available beds.

6. Accommodation for the Aged

The County Authority is in the process of extending hostel accommodation for the aged. This is urgently necessary.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1966 giving age incidence :-

Age Periods	Scarlet Fever	Diptheria	Whooping Cough	Measles	Pneumonia	Para Typhoid	Dysentery	Meningococcal infection	Puerperal Pyrexia	Acute Poliomyelitis	Food Poisoning	Acute Encephalitis	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Erysipelas
Under 1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 years	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 years	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 years	1	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9	4	-	-	22	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14	4	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 & over	-	-	-	-	12	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Age Unknown	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	9	-	-	54	17	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	4

TUBERCULOSIS - New cases and mortality during 1966 :-

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 - 5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 30	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	1

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS 1925

No action was taken during the year under review.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1925 Section 62

No action was taken during the year under review.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

PRESENT POSITION AND FUTURE SCHEMES

The schemes are classified under the following categories in the tables overleaf:-

(a) Effectively sewered (i.e. all except outlying properties connected or connectable to a system of main drainage with no further extension contemplated);

(b) Partly sewered and with further extensions in prospect;

(c) Partly sewered and with no further extensions in prospect;

(d) Not sewered, but whole or partial sewerage intended;

(e) Not sewered and no sewerage contemplated.

The categories (b) and (d) the probable year of commencement of work is shown together with an approximate estimate of cost, on to-day's prices, of works grant aidable under Circular No.15/61.

In category (b) the number of properties at present served by main drainage is given and in both categories (b) and (d) the additional properties now existing to be connected or which will be connectable when proposals are carried out.

Parish	Total No. of properties in Parish	Category a,b,c,d, or e.	Category (b) only	
			No. of properties at present served by main drainage	Probable year of commencement of work
BAMPTON	632	(a)	-	-
BAMPTON (SHILLINGFORD HAMLET)		(b)	40	1967
BICKLEIGH	90	(c)	-	-
BRADNINCH	653	(b)	422	1968/9
BURLESCOMBE	237	(a)	-	-
BUTTERLEIGH	32	(a)	-	-
CADBURY	55	(c)	-	-
CADELEIGH	54	(c)	-	-
CLAYHANGER	51	(e)	-	-
CLAYHIDON	140	(d)	-	1971/2
CRUWYS MORCHARD (NOMANSLAND (PENNYMOOR	165	(a) (a)	- -	- -
CULLOMPTON	1348	(b)	840	1967
CULMSTOCK	270	(a)	-	-
HALBERTON (ASH THOMAS HAMLET	431	(b)	6	1971/2
HALBERTON		(a)	-	-
HEMYOCK	427	(a)	196	-
HOCKWORTHY	65	(c)	-	-

Category (b) or (d)		
No. of properties now existing to be connected or connectable as a result of proposed works	Estimated cost of grant-aidable work at 1967 prices	Remarks
-	-	The built-up area of town is completely sewered.
-	£17,300	This scheme has been approved by the Ministry and the successful tender has been forwarded to them asking for a starting date.
-	-	-
2	£80,000	A detailed scheme is now being prepared for the Ministry by our Consultants.
-	-	-
-	-	The scheme has now been completed, the final cost being within the estimate of £12,000.
-	-	Parish too scattered to warrant a sewerage scheme.
-	-	- ditto -
-	-	- ditto -
16	£12,000	A rather scattered parish with only one small built-up area Rosemary Lane.
- -	- -	These schemes are now completed. Final cost within the estimate of £10,000 for Nomansland and £11,500 for Pennymoor.
100 (approx)	£415,000	A tender has been accepted by the Council and a starting date is awaited from the Ministry.
-	-	Modern scheme recently installed.
14	£12,000	Complaints have been received from the Parish Council regarding the state of the stream which runs through the hamlet.
-	-	Modern scheme recently installed.
48	£65,000	Work on this scheme was commenced in 1966 and should be completed during the early part of 1967.
-	-	Parish too scattered to warrant a sewerage scheme.

Parish	Total No. of properties in Parish	Category a,b,c,d, or e.	Category (b) only	
			No. of properties at present served by main drainage	Probable year of commencement of work
HOLCOMBE ROGUS	179	(a)	-	-
HUNTSHAM	52	(d)	-	1967/8
Blackborough KENTISBEARE	239	(d) (b)	- 40	1970 1969
LOXBEARE	50	(e)	-	-
MOREBATH	145	(c)	-	-
OAKFORD	131	(c)	-	-
SAMPFORD PEVERELL	238	(a)	-	-
SILVERTON	456	(a)	250 (approx.)	-
STOODLEIGH	100	(d)	-	1971
	It has been suggested that commencement date be brought forward to 1968/69			
TEMPLETON	41	(e)	-	-
THORVERTON	286	(b)	200	1968
UFFCULME	628	(a)	-	-
UFFCULME Ashill		(d)	-	1967/8
UPLOWMAN	71	(c)	-	-
WASHFIELD	112	(a)	-	-
WILLAND	342	(a)	-	-

Category (b) or (d)		
No. of properties now existing to be connected or connectable as a result of proposed works	Estimated cost of grant-aidable work at 1967 prices	Remarks
-	-	This scheme is now in operation.
16	£16,940	It is hoped that this scheme will commence during 1967. During the past year, the revised scheme was considered a Sub-Committee and the Consulting Engineers. As a result of the meeting the scheme was further amended and the estimated cost is now as stated.
30 67	£42,500	An 'outline' scheme has been approved by the Committee and the Consultants have been asked to prepare a detailed scheme.
-	-	Parish too scattered to warrant a sewerage scheme.
-	-	The village, which is the main part of the parish, is sewered.
-	-	-
-	-	Modern scheme recently installed.
114	£55,000	Work on this scheme is progressing well and it should be completed in May or June of 1967.
42	£50,000	This scheme will be high in cost owing to the scattered nature of the village.
-	-	Parish too scattered to warrant a sewerage scheme.
-	£28,000	-
-	-	Modern scheme recently installed.
38	£43,000	Scheme with the Ministry awaiting approval.
-	-	The Committee are considering improvements to the existing sewage plant to serve a group of houses around the Council Houses at Uplowman Cross, otherwise the parish is too scattered to warrant a sewerage scheme.
-	-	-
-	-	Modern scheme recently installed.

MAINTENANCE OF SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS

During the year under review, we have taken over the schemes at Butterleigh, Nomansland and Pennymoor. We now have three mobile gangs on sewage disposal and, with the additional labourer shortly to be appointed at Silverton, the maintenance of the sewage disposal schemes will be re-organised. There is a General Foreman in charge of sewage disposal and refuse collection.

We work in close co-operation with the Devon River Authority in producing an acceptable effluent from all our new sewage disposal works, and, in one or two cases where unsatisfactory samples have been taken, improvements have been effected. A number of our older works which are due for replacement are producing unsatisfactory effluents at the present time.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATH

Regular samples have been taken at the public swimming bath at Waterloo Cross, Uffculme. Results generally were very good. Hand chlorination of the pool is carried out and regular checks are made on the purity of the pool by the proprietors themselves in addition to samples taken by the Council.

LEARNER SWIMMING POOLS AT SCHOOLS

Routine samples of these pools are taken by the County Medical Department and occasional check samples are taken by ourselves from time to time. We give advice on chlorination and general swimming pool hygiene and these pools are well controlled by the Headmasters of the schools concerned.

WATER SAMPLING (PRIVATE SUPPLIES & WELLS)

Samples taken by Public Health Department during 1966 :-

Parish	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Taken
Bampton	3	15	18
Burlescombe	1	1	2
Clayhanger	-	1	1
Clayhidon	2	-	2
Cruwys Morchard	2	-	2
Cullompton	2	2	4
Culmstock	-	1	1
Halberton	1	3	4
Hemyock	2	1	3
Holcombe Rogus	2	3	5
Kentisbeare	1	1	2
Morebath	1	3	4
Oakford	-	2	2
Silverton	-	1	1
Stoodleigh	2	-	2
Templeton	1	-	1
Washfield	1	1	2
Willand	1	-	1
TOTALS	22	35	57

WATER SUPPLIES

The water supply in this District is from the mains of the North Devon Water Board.

The quality of water supplied throughout the Rural District from the Board's Newcombe, Sheldon and Churchstanton Works and from the service reservoir at Bickham Moor has been satisfactory.

A few isolated instances of suspicious results from the 545 samples taken have received immediate attention, and satisfactory results have been obtained on re-sampling. Chemical analyses have also been obtained of the treated water.

A mains supply of water from the Bickham Moor Reservoir was made available to Cadbury at the end of the year, the Board having laid a main from Cadeleigh. A mainlaying scheme from Bampton to Morebath is in progress, but completion has been delayed by a County Council road improvement scheme. Additionally, mains have been laid to serve new development, and mains and service pipe renewals have been carried out.

The quantity of water available for supply was sufficient throughout the area, the Board's water tanker no longer being necessary to supplement the supply. Hosepipe restrictions, however, were in force from 4th June to 5th September.

The effect of the remedial works at Churchstanton gathering ground (details of the proposals having been included in my last Report) has resulted in water of a constantly high quality being made available and no complaint has since been received from a consumer in this supply area.

The schemes for the modernisation of Newcombe and Sheldon Treatment Works have been delayed due to the economic restrictions, but the quality of the water supplied from these works remained high throughout the year.

The table overleaf shows details of properties supplied from public water mains in the Tiverton Rural District at 31st December, 1966 : -

Parish	Properties supplied by mains water				Population supplied (estimated)
	No. of Domestic Properties	No. of Farms	No. of other meter supplies (ex cattle troughs)	Total Properties	
Bampton	387	13	35	435	1,305
Bickleigh	45	6	9	60	180
Bradninch	595	18	33	646	1,938
Burlescombe	177	31	18	226	678
Butterleigh	22	6	3	31	93
Cadeleigh	7	3	2	12	36
Clayhanger	17	5	1	23	69
Clayhidon	33	30	4	67	201
Cruwys Morchard	49	17	7	74	222
Cullompton	1,290	51	93	1,434	4,302
Culmstock	224	24	17	265	795
Halberton	323	50	19	392	1,176
Hemyock	221	14	19	254	762
Hockworthy	21	16	-	37	111
H. Rogus	112	11	6	129	387
Kentisbeare	160	43	21	224	672
Loxbeare	10	1	-	11	33
Morebath	39	6	2	47	141
Oakford	43	7	3	53	159
Sampford Peverell	227	14	31	272	816
Silverton	459	11	12	482	1,446
Stoodleigh	32	4	6	42	126
Templeton	12	9	-	21	63
Thorverton	247	11	14	272	816
Uffculme	505	62	60	627	1,881
Uplowman	38	10	2	50	150
Washfield	33	3	-	36	108
Willand	383	10	31	424	1,272
TOTALS	5,711	486	448	6,646	19,938

KNACKERS' YARDS

None were licensed at the end of the year.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT 1958

34 Licences to slaughter animals were granted or renewed during the year.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT 1958

At the 31st December, 1966, the following private slaughterhouses were licensed and in use in the district :-

Lloyd Maunder Ltd., Tiverton Junction, Willand
J. Veysey & Son, 30, Fore Street, Cullompton
N. M. Western, 24, Fore Street, Silverton.

Messrs. Lloyd Maunder's new beef and sheep slaughterhouse came into operation in August, 1966, and they have now got over most of the troubles experienced with the vertical line dressing system. In this system the carcases are suspended throughout the slaughtering and dressing operations and do not touch the floor at all. After inspection the carcases pass through pre-chillers and straight into the cold store to await transit.

The practice of using wiping cloths on carcases has ceased and the slaughterhouse proprietors are experimenting with the use of various types of sprays. This is a great advance in slaughterhouse hygiene. Cleaning gangs move in at the end of the day and the new slaughterhouse is left in a very clean condition. Improvements could be made in washing down whilst the actual slaughtering operations are in progress and we have mentioned this to Messrs. Lloyd Maunder. The identification of carcases, plucks and offals is now no problem with the new synchronised conveyers. I understand that there are still problems in connection with trade waste disposal from the slaughterhouse, which have to be overcome, and Lloyd Maunders are in consultation with the Devon River Authority on this matter.

MEAT INSPECTION

We now have four full-time Meat Inspectors at Messrs. Lloyd Maunder's and one Trainee, the other Trainee having left our employment during the year. We regret the untimely death of Mr. Overy, one of our Senior Meat Inspectors, who had been with us for nine years and was a very conscientious and popular officer. He will be greatly missed by everyone and we would like to express our sympathy to his wife and children. Both our Trainees have been successful in passing the examination for the Certificate in Meat Inspection of the Royal Society of Health at Bristol Technical College. It is considered that the considerable practical experience that they obtain at Lloyd Maunder's has helped them to pass the examination.

We are fortunate in this area that no slaughtering is carried out at weekends. The co-operation of Messrs. Lloyd Maunders in this respect is appreciated.

One of the Meat Inspectors is always available to inspect carcases after any emergency slaughtering which may have to take place.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part :-

LLOYD MAUNDER'S SLAUGHTERHOUSE TIVERTON JUNCTION	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	7130	173	802	68217	103468
Number inspected	7130	173	802	68217	103468
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci					
Whole carcases condemned	2	2	68	216	482
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3026	131	33	4009	6070
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	42·46	76·88	12·59	6·19	6·33
Tuberculosis only:					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	2044
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1·98
Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	61	4	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	61	4	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

TOTAL WEIGHT OF MEAT AND OFFAL CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR :

Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
77	10	1	3

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part :-

OTHER PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSES	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	233	-	-	725	243
Number inspected	233	-	-	725	243
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	80	-	-	84	18
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	33·43	-	-	11·59	7·41
Tuberculosis only:					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	2
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0·82
Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

TOTAL WEIGHT OF MEAT AND OFFAL CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR :

Cwts.	Qrs.
9	2

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Implementation of the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations has continued throughout the year and improvements have been effected by the serving of informal notices where appropriate. This has resulted in improvement of several premises. Throughout the holiday season particular attention is given to food premises on the holiday routes to ensure that the resultant increase in business does not lead to a lowering of standards.

During the year under review, a small number of mobile catering vans have turned up in the District and park in busy lay-bys on the A38 Road. The hygiene practices used in connection with these vans leaves a lot to be desired and our hand will be strengthened when the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966 come into force on the 1st January, 1967. Another problem, likely to be met in the near future, is the coin operated food vending machines and hygiene problems in connection with their cleaning. So far, none of these machines has been noticed in our District.

Type of premises	No. of premises (i)	No. fitted to comply with Reg.16 (ii)	No. of premises to which Reg. 19 applies (iii)	No. of premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19 (iv)
Bakehouses	11	11	11	11
Butchers' Shops	24	20	24	22
Fried Fish Shops	5	4	5	5
Retail Food Shops	59	57	51	50
Catering Establishments	73	61	73	73

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no Common Lodging Houses in this Rural District.

POULTRY INSPECTION

Number of poultry processing premises within the District	2	
Number of visits to these premises	12	
Total number of birds processed during the year	3,224,000	***
Types of birds processed	Broilers Hens Capons	
Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption	%	***
Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption		***

(*** Based on figures supplied by the trade.)

There are only two establishments operating in the Rural Area, Messrs. Lloyd Maunder of Tiverton Junction and Messrs. H.J. Dunn & Son of Clay Lane, Uffculme.

It is hoped that during the next year it will be possible for our Authority to establish a system of inspection of poultry in conjunction with the trade. The essence of this method of inspection is that trained personel, or spotters, employed by the trade will at various stages remove suspect carcases and their viscera from the line and these will be put on one side to await further inspection by a Public Health Inspector. Now that we have a regular staff at Lloyd Maunders, it should be possible for this to be done at this establishment and Mr. John Maunder, who is in charge of the poultry establishment has promised to co-operate in every way. The inspection of poultry at the other establishment at Uffculme is not so easy, as we have no trained personel on the premises. I feel that the Council must agree to arrange for a visit to be made every day by a Public Health Inspector and I am arranging a meeting with a Director of the firm to go into this matter and the question of hygiene at this establishment.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

A full-time Rodent Operator is employed by this Council for the purpose of killing rats on both private and publicly owned property. During the year seventy nine contracts have been taken out for rodent control on farms and business premises. The contract prices vary from £4 to approximately £40. The premises are treated four times a year, more often if necessary.

The Council's sewers are also treated at least twice a year and a regular check is kept on the refuse tips. Private dwellings are not covered by our contract service and we do not give free treatments for these. Ratepayers may, however, ask for the services of our Rodent Operator and we keep the charges as reasonable as possible.

REFUSE COLLECTION

At the present time our refuse collection service is being fully extended by the demands of the public for a more frequent collection, especially in those scattered areas of the District which now only receive a fortnightly collection or monthly collection.

The Committee has considered this problem and it has now been decided to purchase a further 35 cu.yd. Pakamatic compression vehicle. We hope to reorganise the service completely in September or October, 1967, and Cullompton, which now gets a twice weekly collection, will only receive a once weekly collection. The saving of labour in this particular instance and the purchase of a larger vehicle will enable us to collect much more frequently from the smaller parishes and we are hopeful that the majority of the District will then receive a weekly collection.

Efforts are still being maintained to get householders to provide proper sanitary dustbins and informal and formal notices are still being served where necessary.

During the year under review, the Council has purchased a special vehicle for the collection of refuse from lay-bys on the main A.38, A.373 and A.361 Roads, as well as the holiday routes. A report is being made to the Council on the necessity for the collection of bulky refuse and it is hoped that some arrangements will be made for this to be done during the year 1967. This is especially important as dumping of large articles such as unwanted gas boilers, bicycles, refrigerators, television sets, car bodies and parts is on the increase and is causing disfigurement of the countryside.

HOUSING ACTS 1957 - 1964

During the past twelve months fifty five applications for Standard Improvement Grants have been received and fifty nine applications approved; some of these were applications received during the year 1965. Eight applications for Discretionary Grants were received during this period in respect of eight properties and Discretionary Grants were approved for seven of these properties. During the year thirteen Preliminary Notices for carrying out essential repairs to sub-standard properties have been complied with. It is significant that, despite every encouragement being given to householders and owners of property, the number of grants approved was only slightly in excess of the number of approvals during the previous year, 1965. An effort will be made during 1967 to give more publicity to the grants system and we hope there will be a substantial increase in the number of grants approved.

CARAVAN MOVABLE DWELLING & CAMPING SITES AND CARAVAN SITES & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Total number of sites licensed at the end of 1966 ... 16

In addition there are sites for tourists' caravans at :-

The Wishing Well Cafe, Bampton and
Little Copse Filling Station, Cullompton

which are exempt from Local Authority controls, the Caravan Club of Great Britain having granted their form of licence to the sites.

FACTORIES ACTS

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINSTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors) :-

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	44	4	Nil	Nil
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	104	12	Nil	Nil
iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals	148	16	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found :-

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Part VIII of the Act - OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)

The only outworkers employed in this area are those engaged on the making of wearing apparel as shown in the abstract of the prescribed schedule below :-

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list req'd by Sec. 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing Apparel — Making etc.,	12	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Wearing Apparel — Cleaning and Washing	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals	12	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

I am indebted to the Officers of the Council for their help during the year.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

G. NICHOLSON

Medical Officer of Health.